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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe that September is upon us and soon, we will be relishing the crisp fall weather. Not sure how many of us were able to partake in a summer vacation this year. My wife Lisa and I always attend the Annual RCNA Convention. Being that the Convention moves around the Country, we have explored, enjoyed, and experienced parts of Canada that we had never been to before.

This year with the Covid19 virus still affecting us all the RCNA decided instead of an in-person Convention, they would plan a virtual style Convention.

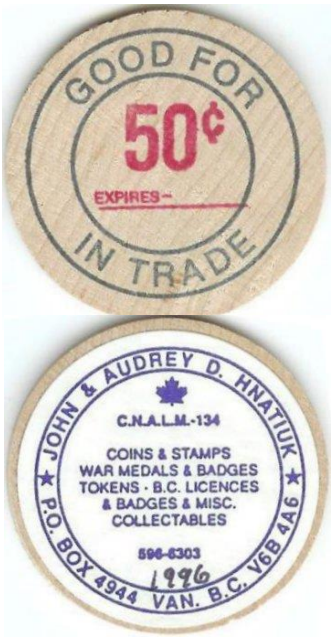
The CAWMC virtual meeting took place on Thursday, July 22nd. A total of 36 people logged into the meeting. Just as we hoped there was lots of discussion between the attendees, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. France Waychison gave a very interesting presentation entitled "Ships and Boats on Woods". The final agenda item, like a regular meeting was an auction, Al Munro did a great job as the auctioneer. There was a wide assortment of auction lots available for everyone to bid on.

People enjoyed the Zoom meeting, and your Executive will investigate the feasibility of having hybrid type meetings at the O.N.A. and RCNA in the future. This would benefit members that do not travel and would allow them to be more involved and opens the door for them to partake in our meetings.

Cheers, ***James***

Featured Wood of the Month

A John Hnatiuk Unlisted Wood



For most collectors, there is usually a satisfying thrill when you can add something new to your collection. That thrill becomes magnified when that new item, in this case a "wood", has not before been identified, listed, or shown in our official wood catalogue. This month's wood seems to fall into that category.

CAWMC members John Hnatiuk and his son David have donated, to CAWMC, two of their woods, of which they had quantities enough, for all our members. The one chosen for this month is one that John and wife Audrey issued back in 1996.

This wood somehow did not get listed in our catalogues and if any member was previously in possession of one, they did not make it known to Norm Belsten, who updates our catalogue.

John Hnatiuk started Vancouver Coins and Stamps Co. Ltd. back in 1964 and owned it until 1981 when he lost most of his inventory in an armed holdup. He sold the company in 1982. Over the years, John has issued many woods and our catalogue reflects that. Many of these woods were made with reverse denominations of $.25 , $.50 , $.75 , $1.00 , $2.00 , and $5.00 . They were given out in their store to customers and sent out in the mail. The amount of purchase determined the value of the wood given out. Some had expiry dates written on them. Later, printed decals celebrating different occasions were used as obverse overlays on these various wood denominations.

Our recent CAWMC Annual General Meeting auction featured some of these ' occasion celebration ' woods.

The wood here has a general advertising obverse decal for John and Audrey's business. Note the very distinctive Maple Leaf at the top in that obverse decal. The year '1996 ' is handwritten on it, at the bottom.

Our 'wood' catalogue has many, many John and Audrey Hnatiuk woods listed but this one does not appear among them. The wood is 45mm in diameter. The obverse decal is white/blue and the reverse red/black.

I'm sure it will soon show up, with a number, in our catalogue .

Ross

Chips from the Woodpile …By Dave Gillespie

The Prince George Chamber of Commerce celebrated 'Gold' in issuing the 2002 Spruce Dollar honouring the Canadian Men's and Women's hockey team from the Salt Lake City Olympics. Both teams came home with gold medals and the 154th issue highlights "Double Gold".

Woods acknowledging the Boy Scouts pop up from time to time and through some internet searching Norm Belsten uncovered three new woods advertising the Maple Leaf Chapter along with Scout Seal, Murray Fried of Kitchener, Ontario. Pictures of the woods were shown in the newsletter although quantities, unfortunately, were very limited and the woods were not made available to members as a free wood or for a price.

When you dine-out at a Chinese restaurant you often see the Chinese Zodiac printed on the place mats. There are twelve years in the cycle with each year being represented by an animal and its reputed attributes. When I was writing this article, we were in the year 2020 and according to Chinese astrology it was the "Year of the Rat". The rat is number one in the zodiac signaling new life and is the symbol of wealth and abundance. By the time this article makes it to Timber Talk we will probably be well into and celebrating 2021, the "Year of the Ox", the symbol of hard work, peace and justice which is very fitting for the following story that was published in the newsletter.

In 1930 the Chinese calendar represented the 'horse' and it was also the year that Lou Vesh came into this world. The attributes were "cheerful and popular, but impatient, also handy with money and always a winner" and he liked that. Now making sure that you know and appreciate what you are putting on your woods is extremely important. Think about the message and how it'll be perceived before sending the design to a wooden money manufacturer for completion. This relates to one of Lou's experiences in 2012. It happened to be another year of the 'horse' according to the Chinese calendar and he decided to start on a wood to acknowledge his 72nd birthday. In designing the wood, the obverse was to include the number "72", a black silhouette of a horse and the years 1930 – 2002 but after stamping the first wood and checking it, he took a second look! It didn't look quite right, "Oh My God" he said to himself, "I've died".

Receivers of the wood might have also thought the same and the dates were acknowledging his life span, which wasn't the case at all. Lou was hoping to be around for a lot longer or at least a few more years so he quickly went to his workbench, altered the die to only show the 1930 date before continuing and completing the wood.

Fortunately for Lou, being popular and cheerful, he wasn't impatient that day in completing his birthday wood.

The C.A.W.M.C. Breakfast at the C.N.A. included an interesting and lively discussion regarding the future format of the annual meetings. Should it continue as a breakfast meeting or be set up as a regular non-meal meeting? A motion passed to maintain the current breakfast meeting format throughout the next couple of years and/or until a more suitable alternative could be approved.

David Phillips brought a little history to the members in March of 2003 with an article about the "Old Two Spot" – Port Alberni, B.C. The "2 Spot" was built in 1912 for Weist Logging Co. of Port Alberni and was the first steam engine to be put into operation in the Alberni Valley. The forty-two-ton Shay locomotive was designed to haul heavy loads on steep grades over rough and ready rails and used to haul logs to the Canadian Pacific Lumber Co. sawmill. In 1953 logging trucks replaced the railroad and the "2 Spot" was retired to the Alberni Valley Museum. Later in the 1980's it was restored and made ready for Expo '86 where it was the star of "Steam Expo". Between 1953 and 1980, when the "2 Spot" was on display in the City, a "good for 5 cents in trade at the Two Spot Service" wooden nickel appeared (and disappeared) rather quickly and quietly in 1968.

The Bluenose, as mentioned in an earlier newsletter, re-appeared in July of 2003 letting readers know that the ship not only appeared on the Canadian 10 cents but on twelve different woods. Most woods issued were from the Maritimes but also Quebec and Alberta.

Now for another quiz question:

1. In what year was C.A.W.M.C.'s first breakfast A.G.M.? AND where was it held?

'Til next time …… Let the Chips lie where they fall. Dave Gillespie

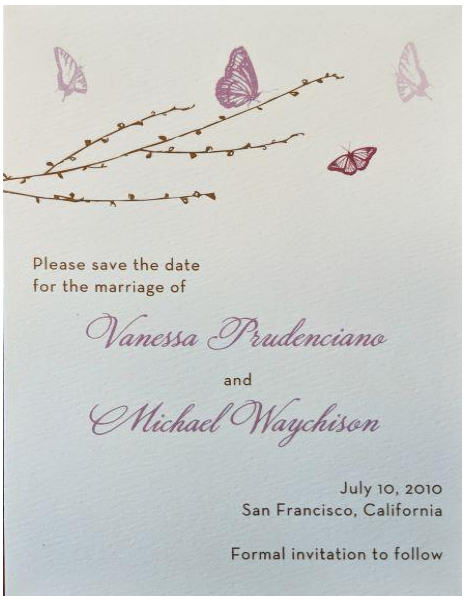
Answer to the quiz question of August 2021

Q. Who issued a broomstick wood with only the letter "M" stamped the obverse and the number "5" on the reverse?

A. Silverwood Dairy, Peterborough, Ontario In 1958 – wood # 5715-009

The Prudenciano-Waychison Wedding Wood

By France D Waychison



My son Michael and Vanessa Prudenciano married on Saturday, July 10, 2010, in San Francisco California.

Michael and Vanessa had been together for 10 years already and both were aware of Mom's tendency to collect little rounds of woods. Little did they know it would only get worse with time!

While preparing for the event, Michael and Vanessa thought that a commemorating wood would make a nice and permanent keepsake. Vanessa, an artist, decided to design a representative and meaningful wooden token.

One face of the wood bears a butterfly, inspired by one appearing on the Save the Date announcement. The name Vanessa is a traditionally feminine name with all sorts of mythological roots. In Latin it can mean "of Venus," the goddess of love; in Greek, however, it's a reference to the mystical goddess Phanessa, who is Pandora's daughter and bore a fascination for butterflies. The name of the happy couple appears above the butterfly, while the words Summer Wedding and its symbol can be found under it.

The other side shows a frontend view of a tramway, a favorite means of transportation in San Francisco, surrounded by the name of the city and the wedding date. Michael and Vanessa lived in San Francisco at the time, which was, for family and friends, an exciting “destination” wedding.

Michael and Vanessa got married and had the reception at the General’s Residence/ First Fort Mason, "First" is because that building was building #1 for Fort Mason. The building is also known as McDowell Hall or the Officers' Club SF, California. It's part of **Golden Gate National** Recreation Area located in the northern Marina district. It was an old military station, situated across from Alcatraz.

The General’s Residence was built in 1855 and was home to commanding officers before serving as the Fort Mason Officers' Club from 1943 until 2003. Today, the General's Residence is a popular event venue with commanding views of the Hyde Street Pier, San Francisco Bay, and Alcatraz.

A magnificent event in a magnificent setting!

This wood catalogue number is 5889-032 and has an issue of 300.

Alberni Valley Coin Club's 60th Anniversary Wood

by **David (Rusty) Phillips**

In November of 2020, the Alberni Valley Coin Club (AVCC) issued 60th Anniversary woods. In keeping with previous AVCC anniversary woods (1995, 2000, 2005) the same Voyageur Canada Dollar design centres the face side with the legend "ALBERNI VALLEY COIN CLUB R.C.N.A. #3952 60 YEARS / CANADA DOLLAR 1980-2020". A leaping salmon adorns the reverse with "PORT ALBERNI B.C. CANADA ENJOY THE HOBBY OF COIN COLLECTING. JOIN YOUR LOCAL COIN CLUB."

One hundred of these woods were produced by Canada Wide Woods (CWW, James Williston) of Calgary, Alberta. The size is the standard 38 mm (1.5"), and the printing on the obverse is black, with the metallic green printing on the reverse (although this image makes it look black).

Any wood collectors wanting to acquire one of more of these woods can email AVCC President Carl Johnson at sparkyjohnson@shaw.ca. Price is $3CAD per wood, plus postage.

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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOODEN MONEY COLLECTORS

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. E.T. by President France Waychison. This is the first virtual meeting of the association.

Everyone was asked to identify themselves on the attendance sheet. There were 36 members and guests present.

France confirmed there was a quorum present. France called for a moment of silence for any members and friends of the hobby including Russ and Judy Brown, Don Robb, Bill Duxbury, Don Smith and Wally Pattengill, who passed away since the last meeting.

France asked for approval of the minutes of the meeting held on July 20, 2019 and published in Timber Talk. Moved by Brett Irick. Seconded by Ross Kingdon. Motion carried.

France read the President's report. See separate attachment France moved acceptance of her report. Seconded by bob Fritsch. Carried

Al Munro then presented the 2019 and 2020 treasurer's report. He advised the association made $208.75 last year and $780.15 in 2019. Al advised the cancelation of the annual convention in 2020 resulted in reduced funds for fundraising activities. Al also advised that postage was increased due to mailing of more packages of free woods due to less direct contact with members. Al advised the association is in a good financial position and membership is around 80. The treasurer's report was published in the June 2021 Timber Talk in advance of the AGM.

Al moved acceptance of the report. The motion was seconded by Ross Kingdon. Carried.

France announced the awards for the year. Silver awards accompanied by a silver Thank you token were awarded to Al Munro for his long-time service as proof-reader of Timber Talk, Ross Kingdom also for his long time service as proof-reader of Timber Talk and for his efforts in mailing hard copies of Timber talk and mailing of free woods and to Dave Gillespie of Ontario for his "Chips from the Woodpile" column. Al Munro was also awarded a Gold award and gold token for his articles promoting the hobby.

OLD BUSINESS

France asked if anyone had any old business to bring forward. No old business was brought forward by the members present.

NEW BUSINESS

In the absence of Dave Gillespie (Ontario) the nominations chair, President France presented the election results. All results were by acclamation.

President James Williston

Vice President Kevin Day-Thorburn

Secretary Treasurer Al Munro

Directors: Norm Belsten, Dave Gillespie, Bob Fritsch, Karen Dupuis

France moved approval of the report. Seconded by Brett Irick. Carried

France adjourned the meeting at 6:50 P.M

The virtual auction raised $383.30 for the Association. Total sales were $404.

James Williston, the incoming president. addressed the meeting just before dissolution of the meeting. He said he was looking forward to his term and thanked the previous executive for all their efforts during their past term and advised he was looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

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I would like to say a huge *thank you* to all members that made of our first virtual AGM and Auction a very successful event:

Bob Fritsch, our Host on Zoom, for running the agenda smoothly and keeping us on track, since we had time constraints. **Norm Belsten**, who allowed the use of his PowerPoint presentation, Ships and Boats on Woods. **Al Munro**, for running a successful auction

And to: **John Hniatuk, Paul Johnson, Ross Kingdon, André Paradis**, and **Eugene Simms** for their generous donations toward the auction.

France

President's Report CAWMC AGM July 2021

Our AGM in Calgary in 2019 was one of the most successful ever, with 32 participants. Due to Covid 19, CAWMC AGM 2020 have been cancelled.

Back in late 2019, CAWMC held a draw for a One Million Dolar note, Courtesy of Eugene Simms. We also held a mail-in bids auction.

Plans were underway to organise our AGM 2020 when Covid-19 hit. Due to the lack of technology, as Zoom was not well established at the time, it was not been possible to organise an AGM for 2020.

Nevertheless, we forged ahead, with a new program, encouraging participation in Timber Talk which is, up to now, still published 12 times per year.

The board of directors held a first Zoom meeting in late March 2021. As well, the Association met over Zoom, at the ONA Convention, in April. I am happy to report that our meeting was the most successful, in term of attendance, of all meetings hosted by the ONA.

Our club also participated in the 9 denier program, where clubs from Quebec, Ontario and Alberta, as well as one from the United States issued a wood commemorating the 300 anniversary of the first money used exclusively on this continent.

Back in 2019, CAWMC was discussing protocols allowing our association to join the numismatic world through the Newman Portal, hosted by the Numismatic Bibliomania Society. Our archivist, Judy Blackman, could no longer store all Timber Talks on her website Woodsy.com. So now the Timber Talks dated 2008 to 2018 inclusively can be found on the Newman portal. Issues 2019 to date can be found on woodsy.com. Arrangements will be made to transfer earlier issues as soon as the pandemic allows.

NUNET.CA has not been updated since 2019, but for the club renewal form. The website is administered by M. Paul Petch and changes can be communicated through e-mail. PDFs and Word docs are preferred.

Given the high costs of printing and posting our monthly issues of Timber Talk to 15% of our membership, and the yearly cost of mailing the free woods, the Board of Directors have reviewed the membership fees but did not make any change to those fees yet.

Our membership is strong, but our members are aging. There will be uncertainties regarding the gathering and distributing the "featured woods of the month" in the future. We will need help with articles for Timber Talk, with distributing woods in a yearly basis, etc. If you can help, please do.

France D. Waychison